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1. THE HEAD OF THE URUGUAYAN DELEGATION WILL BE LABOR MINISTER DR. JOSE E. ETCHEVERRY STIRLING. HE MAY HAVE ASSISTANCE OF ONE OR TWO EXPERTS, AS YET UNAMED. THE MINISTER AND HIS ADVISERS ARE STILL PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE MINISTRY HAS NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME ON RESOLUTIONS WHICH GOU MIGHT INTRODUCE OR SUPPORT, NOR ON OTHER NON-LABOR ISSUES.

2. IT WOULD OCCUR TO US, HOWEVER, THAT URUGUAY WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN TOPICS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT. RECENT
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LABOR STATISTICS SHOW AN 8.1 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF MONTEVIDEO. WHILE SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THIS JOBLESS RATE IS A MATTER OF CONCERN IN URUGUAY. RESTRICTIVE POLICIES TO COMBAT INFLATION ARE EXPECTED TO AGGRAVATE THIS SITUATION. GOU RECENTLY REORGANIZED ITS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (SEE MVD A-81). THUS GOU IS CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, MANPOWER PLANNING, AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY.

3. URUGUAY HAS ALSO SHOWN AN INTEREST IN MODERNIZING ITS LABOR RELATIONS. THE LABOR MINISTRY RECENTLY INAUGURATED A CENTER FOR ADVICE AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE WORKER WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE BUREAU FOR WAGE REGULATION AND LABOR RELATIONS WILL PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE CONCILIATION IN INDIVIDUAL LABOR CONFLICTS.

4. THE POSSIBILITY AND NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE BROUGHT UP.

5. LABATT TO SEE MINLAB MONDAY NOVEMBER 3 AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW INFORMATION.

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